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Source learned from an employee of the Ministry of Trade and Supply that political training previously held by cells of party activists at the East German ministries was suspended until the issue of new directives. Source's informant believed that this type of political training would not be resumed before 1 September 1953.

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Comment. The information agrees with the opinion that there is uncertainty at Pankov regarding the inner-political course to be followed. At present two tendencies appear to be at conflict with one another, i.e. the so-called "new course" and the old course of radical Sovietization and toughness. It appears that the men representing these two courses find support with the corresponding groups in Moscow.

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